

Six inches in considered quite a large size for this species. Dr. Marshall kindly showed me the largest specimen at the National Museum in 1927. It is in Dall's collection of Alaska shells and measures  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length.—WALTER J. EYERDAM.

HAMINOEA VIRESCENS (Sowerby).—When I saw your note on *H. virescens* on p. 140 of the last NAUTILUS I went to our shell gallery and dug out the tablet in the Cuming collection referred to, labelled "Pitcairn's Island," 5 examples. I have compared them with series received from several Californian collectors as "*H. virescens*" (e.g., from Chace, Brown and Fred Baker), and I find them absolutely identical. Shape, size, and especially the extremely fine axial sculpture which gets more or less covered with transparent callus, tally exactly. If I can give you any further information towards settling the point, please command me; but I hardly think it is needed.—J. R. LEBROCTON TOMLIN, in letter to Editor.

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#### THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL UNION

That The American Malacological Union founded two years ago (1931) has become an established and recognized factor among students of malacology was evidenced by the splendid attendance at the Third Annual Meeting held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25, 26 and 27.

From California, Colorado, Michigan and Florida, as well as from other states south and west, members were drawn to the malacological feast arranged by William J. Clench and the Boston Malacological Society ably represented by their secretary, Miss Theodora Willard.

The sessions were held at the Biological Institute of Harvard University to which Dr. Thomas Barbour welcomed the

delegates in a cordial address. The opening program Thursday afternoon comprised a historical sketch of the enormous collection of mollusca in the Museum of Comparative Zoology by William J. Clench, after which Dr. Paul Bartsch presented the presidential address, "Experimental Breeding of Cerions."

This was followed by "Studies of the Naiad Fauna of the Huron River, Michigan" illustrated with slides by Henry Vander Schalie. "Tertiary Arcidae of the Pacific Slope" by Philip W. Reinhart also illustrated with slides, and read by Mrs. Ida S. Oldroyd.

Thursday evening Dr. Bartsch spoke on "The Cruise of the 'Caroline'" showing a number of reels of film taken on the recent expedition to explore the Atlantic deeps. Tribute was paid to Mr. Johnson who made this exposition possible by donating his yacht for the service.

Friday morning the program included "The Systematic Position of the Genus *Septifer Reclus*" by Joshua L. Baily, Jr. "Esthetic and Economic Relations of Mollusks" by Junius Henderson. "The Varieties of *Melongena corona*" by H. A. Pilsbry. "The Peculiar Naiad Fauna of a Southern Michigan Lake" by Henry Vander Schalie. "Classification of Nuculid Pelecypods" by Hubert G. Schenck, read by Mrs. Oldroyd.

Friday afternoon concluded the papers which were as follows: "New Species of South American Pomacea" by William B. Marshall. "Notes on Some of the West Coast Veneridae" illustrated with slides, by Ida S. Oldroyd. "The Winter Habits of Certain Lake Dwelling Naiades" by Henry Vander Schalie. "Planorbidae of Florida" by Henry A. Pilsbry. "Mollusks of Monterey Bay" by MacKenzie Gordon, Jr.

A business session followed for the election of the Council resulting as follows: Junius Henderson, President; Ida S. Oldroyd, Vice President; Norman W. Lermond, Corresponding Secretary; Imogene C. Robertson, Financial Secretary.

Additional to officers: William J. Clench, Paul Bartsch, Calvin Goodrich, Henry A. Pilsbry.

The invitation from Stanford University to hold the meeting of 1934 in California was accepted.

An invitation from the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences for 1935 was presented; also one from the San Diego Shell Club for 1938.

Mr. Robertson urged the formation of more local clubs as a strengthening of the Union and was later authorized to undertake an extension program of encouragement in this direction.

At the conclusion of the program members were invited to the home of Prof. and Mrs. Francis N. Balch in Jamaica Plain. Here refreshments were served on the lawn under splendid old trees. Of great interest was the exhibition of colored plates of nudibranchs, many of which were original paintings by Mrs. Balch.

Professor Balch's entertainment was concluded by a visit to the magnificent gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson who were cordial in their welcome to the visitors by whom the privilege of an inspection of the grounds was much appreciated.

The annual dinner was held on Friday evening at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge.

At this time Dr. Pilsbry spoke feelingly of the members lost by death during the year—Charles Torrey Simpson, Victor Sterki, Charles W. Johnson and Tom Oldroyd. At the conclusion of his remarks Dr. Bartsch asked that members rise and pay silent tribute with bowed heads to these departed friends.

Speeches, "wise and otherwise," enlivened this last evening together.

Professor Henderson presented a resolution of thanks which was adopted unanimously to be sent to all who have helped to make this meeting so enjoyable: To Harvard University and the Museum of Comparative Zoology for the use of rooms and other facilities necessary to the success of the meeting; to William J. Clench and his assistants, Miss Theodora Willard and other members of the local committee for the excellent arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of visiting

members and the orderly presentation of the program; to Professor and Mrs. Francis N. Balch for the courteous opening of their home and grounds to those attending the convention; to Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson for the rare privilege of viewing their beautiful estate and the wonderful collection of trees and flowers; all of which courtesies have contributed to the success of the convention and the enjoyment of all attending members.

Saturday afternoon brought the three days meetings to a close with a field trip to Little Nahant Beach. Here hunting shells on the beach and social intercourse served to cement more firmly the bonds of friendship formed on these occasions.

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